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19 April 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with John Elliff, SSCI Staffer

1. In a telephone conversation on 11 April 1984, John Elliff, Senator Huddleston's designee on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), said he had been asked by Loch Johnson, a member of the Department of Political Science at the University of Georgia, to give a paper at the American Political Science Convention, which is scheduled for August 28-September 1 in Washington, D. C. Elliff said Johnson, who has been in contact with [redacted] has been trying to get CIA to participate on a panel on the subject, "CIA in the Democratic Society." Johnson will chair the panel and introduce speakers at the convention. Elliff mentioned that he had been told by Johnson that [redacted] thought that if someone from the SSCI appeared on the panel that CIA should have a participant on the panel. Elliff says he will need to get the permission of Senator Huddleston and the Staff Director but that has never been a problem before. His paper will be on the "Legal Framework for Intelligence Activities" (tentative title) which he mentioned he would submit for publication review. Elliff was calling to encourage CIA to send a participant. The third panel member will be Harry Howe Ransom.

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2. On 12 April the above information was given to [redacted], Coordinator for Academic Affairs. On 17 April [redacted] gave me the attached memorandum dated 17 January 1984 showing that the DDCI did not feel that the Agency should participate in the conference. [redacted] had called Johnson and relayed the message that instead of the Agency's participation he should ask either members or staffers of our oversight committees to appear on the panel.

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3. On 17 April I called Elliff and told him that the request had been considered before by senior management and it was decided that we would not participate but had suggested to Johnson that he might ask members or staffers of our oversight committees. Elliff said he felt that perhaps there was a misunderstanding since Johnson seemed to be under the

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impression that the Agency would only participate if someone from one of our oversight committees did. He requested that we clarify with Johnson.

4. On 17 April I relayed Elliff's perception to [redacted] who said he would have [redacted] call Johnson. On 18 April [redacted] reported that [redacted] had called Johnson. [redacted] on his part, felt that this was just another ploy to get our participation and told Johnson definitely we would not participate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert W. Magee
Director of PersonnelSUBJECT: Request for Agency Participation
in a Professional Conference

1. Professor Loch K. Johnson, University of Georgia, will chair a panel on "Democracy and the CIA" at the September 1984 annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA) in Washington, D.C. Professor Johnson has requested (see letter attached) that the Agency provide a panel participant to present a paper on intelligence oversight from our point of view. I recommend we accept the request.

2. Professor Johnson served on the staff of the Church Committee. He has written on the subject of intelligence and foreign policy and includes a block of instruction on intelligence in his foreign policy courses. He is objective and supportive of the Agency. [redacted] has spoken to his classes and to a student faculty seminar at Georgia. The response was very positive and we have been asked to return this semester and make a career oriented presentation similar to our recent effort at M.I.T. Professor Johnson has volunteered to invite students and faculty from other universities in the region (Emory, Moorehouse, Atlanta University) on this occasion.

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3. [redacted], who attended last year's conference, has discussed the request with Professor Johnson and offers the following details:

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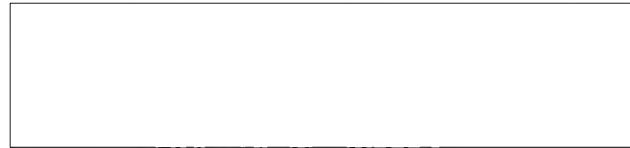
a. Tentative panel members: Anne Karalekas, Professor George Treverton of Harvard (JFK School of Government), and Professor Harry Howe Ransom of Vanderbilt.

b. Format: Professor Ransom and one other member (preferably the Agency participant) will present 10-15 minute oral summaries of their papers, the other two will serve as discussants. The written versions are expected to be 15-25 pages.

c. Alternative: The Agency can, if it prefers not to present a paper, provide comments on the two papers given by other panel members. This alternative has the advantage of not having to write a paper. A discussant's remarks need not be written. The major disadvantage is that a discussant is necessarily reactive and can, therefore, seem defensive. Giving a paper allows one to set the pace.

d. Comments: Considering the forum, the greatest benefits to the Agency will come from a presentation of a thought provoking, well-reasoned paper. Members of the ASPA respond positively to professional presentations and the interest in this topic, as well as the Agency, is high. A paper along the lines taken by Clair George at the recent conference for professors teaching intelligence courses would be well suited to the occasion.

4. An Agency decision is requested by the first week of February.

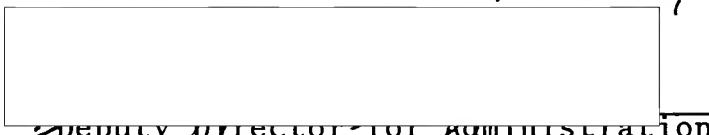


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CONCUR: *that we accept the request (Plan 3d proposed).*


Deputy Director for Administration

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APPROVED:

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Dear [redacted]

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I'm responsible for putting together a paper on "Democracy and the CIA" at the 1984 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. I'd like to have one of the four papers presented by a CIA official - the Agency's view on intelligence oversight. Would you be willing to help me locate someone willing and able to present a thoughtful, scholarly paper on this subject?

With all good wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loch".

Loch K. Johnson
Associate Professor

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